



Miller & Rhoads

TO-DAY---Right Up to the Very Last Moment---
There Will Be

Gifts Here for Everybody

ASSORTMENTS ARE STILL PLENTIFUL, and our service, as usual, will prove so helpful, that not even the "eleventh-hour" Xmas Shopper will feel disappointed.

Just as shopping is best—HERE—at all seasons of the year, so also is it best NOW—at the very climax of the Christmas buying.

Despite the rush of the last few weeks, the store's business still moves with characteristic smoothness and without confusion. Wherever possible, stocks have been replenished to their normal completeness; also, where there are broken assortments or quantities that are too plentiful, MANY PRICES HAVE BEEN REDUCED!

With a large and competent sales force to serve you, the usual "hurry" and "crush" is greatly minimized; and the store's service is proving well-nigh perfect.

Departments that are yet wonderfully complete and offer splendid opportunities for gift-hunters, are—

Kid Gloves
Handkerchiefs
Hosiery
Jewelry
Neckwear
Leather Goods

Umbrellas
Toilet Goods
Fancy Articles
Men's Goods
Books
Stationery

Furs
Silverware
Cut Glass
Fancy China
Nickel and Brass
Ware, Etc., Etc.

To you who appreciate the importance and appropriateness of these items and have experienced the true joys of Christmas giving, there can be but one answer to the question of "Where must I do my Eleventh-Hour Xmas Shopping?"

MILLER & RHOADS.

SKETCHES FROM LIFE --By Temple



"The Old Neighborhood"

DEFER LOADING DATE

Car Bearing Furniture for Mount Vernon Building to Arrive Here January 3.

The date for the loading of the furniture for the Mount Vernon building and the advertising transparencies to be used in the Virginia exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition has been changed. The loading of the furniture will begin in Washington, D. C., on December 31, instead of December 28.

Captain W. W. Baker, of Chesapeake, field member of the Virginia Commission to the San Francisco Exposition, advised Governor Stuart, chairman, to this effect yesterday afternoon. Captain Baker had just returned from Washington, where he went to make preliminary arrangements for the shipment. He told the Governor that he found it expedient to make the change in the date, and his action was approved.

The car will be sent to Richmond to take on board the agricultural and educational divisions of the exhibit arriving here about January 2. It is the purpose of the commissioners to start the Virginia exhibit on the transcontinental journey with the exhibit on January 4 or 5.

John P. Haupt Gets Auto. John P. Haupt, of Brookland Park, was yesterday declared winner of a 1915 model Ford touring car given in a contest by Ben-Mora Temple. The contest was held at the Knights of Pythias, in Lee Camp Hall.

CANAL REDUCES RATES

Opening of New Trade Route Tends to Lower Price on Local Market.

The importance of the Panama Canal as a new trade route was clearly shown Tuesday, when Hermann Schmidt received a large shipment of California raisins from San Francisco to New York, via the new route. The opening of this new route, it is believed, will be a source of great benefit to merchants and consumers in this section of country.

The charges on the shipment received by Mr. Schmidt which moved via the American Hawaiian Steamship Company from San Francisco to New York, were only 35 cents per 100 pounds, as compared to the all-rail rate of 89 cents. This substantial saving in the cost of transportation, it is thought, will tend to lower prices of many commodities offered for sale on the local market.

Traffic experts predict that in the near future whole shipments of goods will come to Richmond through the Panama Canal direct from the Pacific Coast. If this is done a downward trend in prices of many commodities is expected to result.

To Open East Grace Street. The Administrative Board yesterday awarded the contract for the completion of Grace Street from Twenty-ninth Street to Thirty-second Street to H. H. George. The extension will be made at a cost of \$20,000.

RICHMOND MAN TO SOON BE CONSECRATED BISHOP

Dr. Thomas C. Darst Will Be Consecrated at Wilmington, N. C., on January 6.

TOLD OF PLANS LAST NIGHT

New Bishop Eminent Fitted for Duties of High Office to Which He Has Been Called—High Church Officials to Take Part.

Rev. Thomas C. Darst, D. D., bishop-elect of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, chosen by the diocesan council on October 8, was officially notified yesterday that he will be consecrated on January 6, the Feast of the Epiphany in St. James Episcopal Church, Wilmington, N. C. Dr. Darst received notice of his election on October 9, but did not decide to accept until November 1. Bishop Daniel S. Tuttle, of Missouri, last night notified Dr. Darst of the plans for his consecration.

The three bishops taking part in the consecration will be Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, D. D., of Missouri; Rt. Rev. Joseph B. Cheshire, D. D., of North Carolina; and Rt. Rev. Robert A. Gibson, D. D., of Virginia. The sermon at the service will be preached by Rt. Rev. W. L. Gravatt, D. D., of West Virginia, and the presenters will be Bishop-Coadjutor Beverly D. Tucker, of Virginia, and Rt. Rev. William Guerry, Rev. W. H. Milton, D. D., rector of St. James Church, Wilmington, will be master of ceremonies, and the two attending presbyters will be Rev. John M. Robertson, of Clarke County, Va., and Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

BISHOP-ELECT KNOWN THROUGHOUT VIRGINIA

Dr. Darst is widely known throughout this section of country, and is held in the highest esteem. He was born in Pulaski County, where he served the ministry when a young man in Fauquier County. Sometime later he became rector of St. Mark's Church, Richmond, where he served for several years. He then went to Newport News, where he was rector of St. Paul's Church.

A few years ago he returned to Richmond and became assistant rector of St. James Church, where he served until the death of Rev. William M. Clark, D. D., whom he succeeded as rector. Mr. Darst is eminently fitted to fill the high office to which he has been called, and the good wishes of his many friends here will accompany him to his new field of labor. The degree of doctor of divinity was conferred upon him by the Virginia Theological Seminary, from which he graduated. After his consecration, Dr. Darst will reside in the residence of the late Bishop Strange at Wilmington.

STATE DEPARTMENTS TO BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY

Governor Stuart Issues Closing Order Giving Employes Unexpected Holiday.

Officers and employes of all departments of the State government have received an unusual and unexpected Christmas present from Governor Stuart in the form of an extra holiday for the entire year. The Governor yesterday directed Colonel J. W. Richardson, superintendent of public buildings, to notify the heads of the different departments to observe Saturday, December 26, as a holiday.

The Governor's reason for declaring the extra holiday is that Saturday is an established half-holiday in all public working hours from 9 A. M. to noon on December 26, and that little, if any, business could be transacted if the offices were open. The officers and employes of the State government coincide unanimously with the Governor's opinion on this point.

The State Capitol and Library Building will be accordingly closed from noon on Christmas Eve until next Monday morning. One elevator runner will be at work in the Capitol and another in the Library Building, and a few other employes whose services are required will be on the job a few hours each day.

Employees to Get Rest. In order that their employes may have the benefit of a three-day rest during the Christmas holidays, the following closing order will be observed in Richmond: All public buildings in Richmond will close this afternoon, and will not reopen until Monday morning. Smith-Courtney Co., Hunter B. Frischkorn, Southern Railway Supply Company, McGraw-Hill Building, Co., James McGraw-Hill, Jones & Cadbury Co., Virginia-Carolina Supply Company and Snyder Pump and Well Company.

Health Office Closed. The offices of the City Health Department will be closed to-morrow, except between 10 and 11 o'clock.

Suits and Overcoats Worth Up to \$28.00 At \$16.00

All ready for you to-day. Plenty of all sizes are left, and to-day's offering equals the best we have had. Sizes to fit men of every shape.

GANS-RADY COMPANY

TO CONTEST CREATION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Henrico County Faction Obtains Writ of Error, and Case Goes to Court of Appeals.

Appellants Object to Liability for Taxes Necessary to Pay Expense of Draining District—Created by Court Order.

The fight begun in the Circuit Court of Henrico County by D. W. Starbuck and others for the establishment of a drainage district in the Counties of Henrico and Hanover, which proposition was vigorously opposed by other citizens and property owners, has been carried to the Supreme Court of Appeals.

The district was established by order of the court, but on the petition of A. E. Shepherd, M. W. Broyles, M. M. Hazlegrove, O. B. Green and others a writ of error and supersedeas was obtained yesterday from Justice Cardwell, and the case is to be reviewed. The appellants object to their lands being taken into the drainage district. Under the court's order, they are liable for taxes necessary to pay the expenses of draining the lands of the district created.

CLAIM NOTICE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT

It is contended by the appellants that the legal notice of the hearing of the original petition was not sufficient; that the drainage act requires that "notice shall be given once a week for two consecutive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation within the county or counties" included in the proposed new district. "If a newspaper be published in said county or counties," and that evidence was introduced to show that there was a newspaper published in the County of Hanover and of general circulation therein; that, so far as the record showed at that time, there had been no publication of the notice in the County of Henrico, and that, subsequently, counsel for Starbuck and others produced in court a notice of publication from the Hanover Herald showing that it had been published eleven days, and asked the court to file the same, as if it had been offered on the first day of the trial, which motion was allowed by the court.

A motion to dismiss the drainage proceedings was then offered, but was overruled. The petitioners for the order creating the drainage district had published the notice originally in the Richmond Virginian only.

WITHHOLDS WARRANTS

Labor Commissioner Doherty May Have Local Merchants for Violations.

With evidence in hand sufficient to apply for warrants against half a score of Richmond merchants who, according to inspectors of the State Department of Labor, are violating the law prohibiting the working of salespeople more than ten hours a day in stores, Commissioner of Labor James B. Doherty yesterday declined to swear out the warrants.

The commissioner said the merchants were busy with their Christmas trade, and he was unwilling to work what might appear a hardship upon them by hauling them to court at this time. The evidence has been secured, he explained, and the cases will be just as strong for the Labor Department after Christmas as before. Hence he directed the inspectors to pursue their search for new cases and refrain from swearing out warrants against those merchants who have been already landed in the net.

GOVERNOR ASKS TO SEE MAN HE HAD PARDONED

Crandall Campbell, Who Surrendered After Escape, Excites Curiosity of Stuart.

His STORY HAS TRUE RING Youth Claims He Struck Chance Acquaintance While Drunk—Mother Died While Boy Struggled on Roads for Crime.

It was the request of Governor Stuart that brought Crandall Campbell, discharged convict, nearly garbed in the brownish gray suit of clothes which is given to each prisoner leaving the penitentiary, into the executive offices at the State Capitol yesterday afternoon.

Campbell had been released from prison on a conditional pardon granted by the Governor, who had interested himself in the case of Crandall Campbell without the solicitation of any one friendly to the convict or concerned in the case. Campbell is the young fellow who surrendered himself to Secretary Alexander Forward in the Governor's office last May. He told Mr. Forward at the time that he had escaped some weeks before from a convict camp.

The secretary, after hearing his story—a pathetic narrative in which Campbell represented himself the victim of circumstances—declined to take him into custody, but directed him to the penitentiary. Mr. Forward took the precaution first of communicating with the Governor, who, in reply, explained that he assumed that the fugitive desired to obtain some sort of a concession in consideration of voluntarily giving himself into custody.

GOT NO PROMISES FROM GOVERNOR STUART

The Governor directed Mr. Forward to inform Campbell that he might expect nothing; that he would have to "take his medicine." When the fugitive received this information, he replied that he would satisfy the law and return to the convict camp, asking only permission to write to his mother, who lived in Johnson City, Tenn., that she might know his whereabouts. This done, Campbell went to the State Penitentiary and surrendered himself to Superintendent Wood. The conduct of the young man apparently piqued the curiosity of the Governor, who communicated to Superintendent Wood his desire to see the man he had pardoned.

The Governor was standing at his secretary's desk yesterday afternoon when Campbell walked in. The executive saw before him the figure of a sturdy, muscular young fellow, with very light-brown hair, grayish blue eyes that gazed steadily from a frank, open countenance upon which the tribulations through which he passed since committing his first crime had placed a stamp of melancholy.

PARDONED MAN AND GOVERNOR TALK IT OVER

"You are Governor Stuart?" he said, inquiringly. The Governor nodded. "My name is Campbell. I have come to thank you for my pardon. They told me you would like to see me. Yes, I wanted to see you, Campbell," said the Governor. "Do you think I have done the right thing in pardoning you?"

"Yes, sir." "You were convicted of striking the man down. You were badly tangled with John Barleycorn, were you?"

"Yes, sir. It was this way: I had gone to Bristol from my home in Johnson City, was in a barroom and was drinking some. The man I had the trouble with was in the place and we had some words. He called me a vile name, and was coming at me with a knife in his hand when I struck him. I saw he aimed to draw, and I remembered that I had a quart bottle of whiskey in my pocket. As he came at me with the knife I hit him on the head with the bottle. He was exactly how it happened, but they didn't believe me. The jury gave me five years on the roads for that fight."

PROMISES TO LEAVE JOHN BARLEYCORN ALONE

"That's the truth of it," the Governor queried. "Yes, sir. It's all over now, but that's just like it happened." "You are going to let Barleycorn alone now, Campbell, are you?"

"Yes, sir." "Have you heard from your mother?" Campbell was silent for a moment, and the melancholy expression on his face deepened. There crept into the bluish-gray eyes a steely glint, and his brow contracted.

"She's dead, sir—died while I was on the roads," he answered. "Going back to Tennessee?" the Governor asked, after a brief pause.

"What do you work at?" "I am a plasterer, and always worked with my brother Jim. I'm going back to my trade and work with Jim again."

As Campbell, who was but nineteen years old when he committed his first offense against the law, departed, Governor Stuart remarked to his secretary: "I believe that fellow is telling a true story."

Celebrates Wedding Anniversary.

Surrounded by a host of friends and relatives, United States Marshal and Mrs. John G. Saunders celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage last night in their new home on West Twenty-seventh Street, Woodland Heights. Among the prominent persons present were Mayor George Ainslie, Richard Evelyn Byrd, E. C. L. Moncre, Joseph P. Brady, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ben P. Owen, and Judge Ernest H. Wells. William J. Norris and John Sanfiller sang solos during the evening. In the receiving line were Mrs. Saunders, Marshal Saunders's mother, and Miss Isabelle Saunders, the marshal's daughter.

ELKS WILL PLAY SANTA TO DESTITUTE FAMILY

To Distribute Baskets Filled With Materials for Good Christmas Dinner.

BENEFICIARIES KEPT SECRET Annual Visit to Poor Will Be Made This Morning—About 550 Ho Will Be Made Happier by Christmas Baskets.

The Elks' Santa Claus will start his annual peregrinations in Richmond to-day. Between the hours of 9 A. M. and 12 M., the members of the 45, at Christmas time, will visit 550 homes, bringing to each the materials for a good Christmas dinner. Noblemen know where the Elks' Santa Claus goes. As in all matters of violence, the brethren of the brand antlers keep secret the identity of beneficiaries of Richmond Lodge. That is the style. One Elk in no way permitted to know what another Elk is doing the charity line at Christmas. A member of the lodge gives old Santa Claus the address of a few worth seeing, and Santa makes out visiting list.

CHRISTMAS BASKET COMMITTEE ACT

The Christmas basket committee year consists of the following known Elks: M. M. Stoddard (chairman), T. H. Meany, Thomas H. Epp, E. C. Leigh, L. Shere, J. M. Bossieux, W. Harwood, P. A. Flynn, John G. S. Graham, R. Currie, Eugene Brauer, W. Spillman, H. P. Hill, Moritz Rich, Thomas E. Garrett and D. E. Mott.

The committee has been busy some days at the Elks' Home, Elve and Marshall Streets, preparing. Here is a specimen of this morning's work: Five-pound California ham, six-pound bag of flour, two-pound bag sugar, one pound of coffee, one pound of candy, one package of tea, one package of apples, one can baking powder, one package Quaker oats, one pound bread, donated through L. H. Hill. The baskets will be left at the Elks' Home, Elve and Marshall Streets, for the members of the committee to deliver. And they do tell.

DISTRIBUTING SYSTEM ELIMINATES PUBLIC

This system of distributing cheer among the poor has been vogue some years. Formerly the Elks' Santa Claus was giving a Christmas tree to the poor child. The tree was set up in the lodge chamber or some public hall, and the children were invited to a Christmas feast and were presented with gifts from the tree.

Frank P. Anthony was the promoter in bringing about the change. Calhoun Epps, of the Christmas committee, told him one cold evening day to enlist his services in the preparations.

"See here," said Frank, "this Christmas tree business is entirely too public. It's a shame to have the children out of the public gathering of the kiddies and let's send a Santa Claus into their homes. Let's help out old man, who is out of work, or widow, who is in distress. Let's do something for the poor that will be the whole family."

Epps fell in with the suggestion. There came a change in the Christmas charity plans. The custom, since the vogue was adopted, the Elks like better. So do the beneficiaries, who necessities are not blazoned to world. So does the public.

NEWSBOY SUES CITY

Asks \$5,000 for Injuries Alleged to Have Been Caused by Sink.

Suit for \$5,000 damages brought against the City of Richmond and B. Pollard, a contractor, was begun yesterday morning in the City Circuit Court, and the taking of evidence finished in the afternoon. The case will be finished to-day.

The complaint, filed on October 25, 1913, is for damages to a three-year-old child, who fell into a hole in the street, between Meadow Street and Avenue, where the city, through Contractor Pollard, was constructing service sewers, and alleges that the child was due solely to the negligence of the defendants in leaving open a three-foot sink in the ground, which caused the child to fall into it, and the result of the accident.

Issues Requisition.

Governor Stuart yesterday issued a requisition on Governor John K. To of Pennsylvania, for Thomas W. White in jail in Ardmore, Pa. White was charged with the taking of evidence from him with grand larceny. Theodore L. Stevenson, probation officer of the penitentiary, will go to Pennsylvania for the prisoner.

Mayor Appoints Delegates.

Mayor Ainslie yesterday appointed C. Davidson and R. T. Bowden delegates to the American Association for Labor Legislation, to be held in Philadelphia December 28 and 29.

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117 E. MAIN ST.

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